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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Art Unit:
AVIVI et al.)	Examiner:
Appln. No.: 09/660,328)	Washington, D.C.
Filed: September 12, 2000)	June 5, 2002
For: FACILE DETECTION OF CANCER))	Atty. Docket: AVIVI=1A
AND CANCER RISK BASED...)	BY HANDCARRY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-51 without prejudice and add new claims 52-112 in place thereof as follows:

--52(New). A method for diagnosing prostate cancer, comprising:

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- a) obtaining cells from a body fluid in an individual suspected to have prostate cancer; and
 - b) determining the synchrony in replication timing between alleles of one or more DNA loci in said cells, wherein